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# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is being brought to the attention of the Examiner without any admission that it constitutes statutory prior art, or without any admission that it contains subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), the undersigned hereby certifies that each listed reference was first cited in a Communication (copy and translation enclosed) from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Although no fees are believed to be due at this time, it is respectfully requested that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147. Also, the Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed references have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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